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From:

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Chief Executive Officer

FISCAL YEAR 2009-10 BUDGET PROCESS AND MULTI-YEAR FORECAST

This memo is to request your direction and input as we begin the initial stages of preparation for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2009-10 budget process and Multi-Year Fiscal Forecast. We are beginning the budget process earlier than in previous years, in order to allow sufficient time to gather input and fully analyze options and potential solutions.

We are seeking each office's input on broad areas of focus for the FY 2009-10 budget and beyond. We request that the items be placed in priority order so that we may address those of the highest priority first within any projected limited funding that may be available.

This effort is being initiated as the start of a more comprehensive and collaborative effort to gather information for policy planning and development. As part of this implementation, our first step is to identify broad areas of focus. Next, DCEOs will organize meetings with your deputies and departmental representatives, to discuss, analyze and refine these areas and ideas into potential proposals, including identifying timelines, costs, etc.

In order to allow sufficient time to identify, define and analyze these issues, we propose starting the initial budget planning process much sooner than in past years. Broad areas of focus for FY 2009-10, will begin in July/August. This will be followed by meetings involving Board deputies and departments to analyze and refine the agreed to areas and issues into potential proposals. Also, in this timeframe and into October, concurrent work would be performed to identify costs, issues, responsible departments, etc. Budget instructions to departments would be issued incorporating these proposals

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during late September or early October. Further refinements to departmental budgets would take place in our office in preparation for departmental budget submissions from mid-January to mid-February.

Once we develop the areas of focus, we will ask departments to provide information on budget proposals that constitute new efficiencies, collaborative and multi-departmental initiatives and critical unmet needs. These issues will also be evaluated keeping this advanced schedule in mind.

While we are seeking input from all deputies in your office, we would suggest there be a single point of contact, such as the Budget Deputies, to coordinate the information for transmittal. We will provide electronic copies of the attached worksheet to the Budget Deputies in your offices which should be submitted to Ed Corser by the end of August. Keep in mind that this is a developing process and new issues that arise after the August deadline can still be submitted for consideration.

Thank you for your cooperation and attention to this matter. Please feel free to contact me or Debbie Lizzari at (213) 974-6872.

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c: Each Department Head (Via Electronic Mail)

Attachment

FY 2009-10.Budget Process.bm

Broad Areas of Focus and Initiatives

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